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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

This is in response to your most recent letter in which you give the sad news concerning your being snowed in. I would guess that by now the warm spells we've been having recently have eliminated the snow problem or at least minimized it. I had some first-hand experience with the snow in the Washington area since I had to fly down to Washington for a meeting called by The Potomac Institute to discuss what kind of legislation could be drafted to implement the President's proposal for federal fair housing legislation. However, I got there in time for the meeting which began before noon and left there that same evening so that I could be back home for a night's sleep and be at the office the next morning. Hence, I simply couldn't call you. In fact I didn't even have time to call my mother-in-law because it was a tight squeeze to catch the shuttle back to New York.

Thanks for keeping me advised of what goes on in your dealings with your attorney, Williams and what is going on or maybe not going on with respect to the book.

The story of the snorer is one which has no citation other than the New York press. I read the story in one of the newspaper that I usually peruse, the Times or the Herald Tribune or the World-Telegram. The matter was settled by the intervention of the court. Hence, there isn't any citation since the decision probably wasn't one which was recorded. If you have access to a library which has issues of the New York Times and the Herald Tribune, you'll probably be able to find it. What you might do is to write the New York Times here in New York telling them that you're looking for the story concerning a lawsuit between a very loud snorer and a very light sleeper who had neighboring apartments. One of the two, I think the light sleeper, brought a suit to compel the loud snorer to take some action to keep the sound of the snoring within his own apartment. The snorer came into court and said that there really wasn't anything he could do. There was some acrimonious discussion between the two parties

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to the litigation. Finally, the judge got both parties to agree to contribute half the cost each of soundproofing one bedroom wall. I'm not sure of the extent of the soundproofing but apparently the sharing of the cost had to be acceptable to both sides as the sole reasonable solution. I'm not even sure about the time. It may have occurred within the last two years or so. I don't think it's more than two years ago.

Thanks for the information about the Republican Congressman from Maryland. I'll drop a note to Dave Brody to alert him to the Congressman's existence.

Frieda and I hope that both you and Lil are well and that by the time you get this you will have heard favorably on the book.

Sincerely,

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